

Figure 2 is a graph of the percent nitrous oxide destruction versus hydrogen flow of the process of Example 1.

Figure 3 is a graph of oxygen destruction selectivity versus hydrogen flow of the process of Example 1.

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Figure 4 is a graph of the percentage of oxygen destruction versus hydrogen flow of the process of Example 2.

Figure 5 is a graph of the percent of nitrous oxide destruction versus hydrogen flow of the process of Example 2.

Figure 6 is a graph of oxygen destruction selectivity versus hydrogen flow of the process of Example 2.

Please amend the abstract to read as follows:

#### ABSTRACT

A method for purification of an oxygen containing nitrous oxide gas by feeding the nitrous oxide gas and a reducing agent such as hydrogen, carbon monoxide or ammonia into a de-oxidation reactor, performing de-oxidation by reacting the reducing agent with oxygen using a catalyst such as palladium or platinum in order to deplete the oxygen in the nitrous oxide gas, while limiting the amount of nitrous oxide removed from the nitrous oxide gas.

Please cancel Claim 2.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28 and 29 to read as follows: